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TO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP PROJECT FOR BURUNDI: COLD  
STORAGE FACILITIES

REF: BUJUMBURA 20

### 1. RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S QUESTIONS:

(A) BOTH QUOTED PRICES ARE ACCURATE. WE WERE INFORMED BY LT. COL. WHEELER (USAF, DEFENSE SUPPLY AGENCY) THAT AMONG REASONS FOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRICES OF TWO ALTERNATIVE REFRIGERATION UNITS (DOLS. 5,163 AND DOLS. 2,090) ARE (1) THAT MORE EXPENSIVE MODEL HAS AUTOMATIC DEFROSTER SYSTEM AND RADIO INTERFERENCE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT THAT THE LESS EXPENSIVE MODEL DOES NOT HAVE AND (2) THAT THE 50 CYCLE MODEL IS MORE EXPENSIVE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT FEWER OF THESE ARE PRODUCED COMPARED WITH 60 CYCLE UNIT USED IN U.S.

(B) THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE UNIT IN THE DOLS. 3,000 PRICE RANGE.

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(C) DEFENSE SUPPLY AGENCY CONSIDERS THAT ACCELERATED POWER GENERATORS ARE NECESSARY FOR USE IN EMERGENCY OF REGULAR POWER FAILURE. PRICE FOR ADEQUATE GENERATOR (E.G. STOCK NUMBER 6115-00-118-1243, SIZE 60KW 50H2) WOULD BE ROUGHLY DOLS. 10,52 . THIS SIZE GENERATOR WOULD EFFECTIVELY HANDLE FIVE REFRIGERATION UNITS IF EACH UNIT WAS STARTED INDIVIDUALLY. THIS ASSUMES THAT FIVE UNITS ARE IN SAME LOCATION. DSA INFORMED US THAT NO GENERATOR OF THIS TYPE IS ON HAND AT PRESENT TIME. LEAD TIME ESTIMATED AT 1-3 MONTHS.

2. COMMENT: COLD STORAGE UNIT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN BURUNDI AND WELCOMED BY AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY MIGHT CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF HIGH COST OF UNITS AND GENERATOR, TIME REQUIRED TO GET EQUIPMENT IN PLACE IN BURUNDI AND LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS, THESE FUNDS MIGHT EFFECTIVELY BE USED AT PRESENT TIME FOR SUCH SMALL PROJECTS AS EQUIPMENT FOR VILLAGE AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVES, RURAL AREA DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS AND BUILDING MATERIAL FOR SCHOOLS AND WATER MILLS. THIS TYPE OF PROJECT -- WITH HIGH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT -- WOULD INCREASE PARTICIPATION BY RURAL AND URBAN POOR, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, WHICH IS KEY OBJECTIVE OF OUR SPECIAL SELF-HELP PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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